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Osteopathic Oath

I do hereby affirm loyalty to the profession I am about to enter.

I will be mindful always of my great responsibility to preserve the health and life of my patients, to retain their confidence and respect both as a physician and a friend who will guard their secrets with scrupulous honor and fidelity, to perform faithfully my professional duties, to employ only those recognized methods of treatment consistent with good judgement and with my skills and ability, keeping in mind always nature's laws and the body's inherent capacity for recovery.

I will be ever vigilant in aiding the general welfare of the community, sustaining its laws and institutions, not engaging in those practices which will in any way bring shame or discredit upon myself or my profession. I will give no drugs for deadly purposes to any person, though it be asked of me.

I will endeavor to work in accord with my colleagues in a spirit of progressive cooperation, and never by word or by art cast imputations upon them or their rightful practices.

I will look with respect and esteem upon all those who have taught me my art. To my college I will be loyal and strive always for its best interests of the students who will come after me. I will be ever alert to further the application of basic biologic truths to the healing arts and to develop the principles of osteopathy which were first enunciated by Andrew Taylor Still.

In the presence of this gathering I bind myself to this oath.

UMDNJ–School of Osteopathic Medicine Campus

Academic Center

Science Center

University Doctors Pavilion

University Education Center

University-Affiliated Medical Centers

Kennedy Health System • Stratford

Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center • Camden

Kennedy Health System • Cherry Hill

St. Francis Hospital • Jersey City

Kennedy Health System • Washington Township

Barnert Hospital • Patterson

Dean's Message to the Class of 2004

Congratulations to you- the UMDNJ-School of Osteopathic Medicine Class of 2004! I am very proud of each one of you for achieving this milestone. I hope you look back on your time at UMDNJ-SOM with fond memories of student life, your fellow graduates, the faculty, learning and ultimately earning your Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree. Even though graduation officially marked the end of your medical school career, it is truly a beginning; a new stage of your life where you will apply your unique skills to relieve suffering and always, continue to learn. Regardless of the discipline or area of medicine you aspire to practice, be passionate about learning and most importantly, committed to teaching.

R. Michael Gallagher, D.O., FACOFP
Dean
School of Osteopathic Medicine

You have embarked on your medical career during the most extraordinary time in the history of medicine. Not only will you benefit from having received your medical education and training at the nation's finest Osteopathic Medical School, but you will also benefit from the abundance of research, invention, and technology that is available today to eradicate disease and prevent illness more effectively than ever.

Regrettably, the number of health conditions that face our world grows each year; there are new "man-made" health threats such as biological agents as well as natural born diseases such as SARS that require a swift and decisive response by the health community. As the first-line of defense for the public health, you will be challenged to continue to learn about these emerging risks.

Remember always, no drug can replace the empathy and healing hands of a well-trained, attentive and dedicated physician. Each time you don your white coat, you are accepting the responsibility to carry out the work that you committed yourself to during your White Coat Ceremony. I know that you have been fully prepared to meet every challenge and possess the knowledge and skills to achieve all of your goals.

It has been my privilege and honor to have been afforded this opportunity to serve you. On behalf of the administration, I welcome you to the Alumni Association and trust that you will always consider yourself an important part of our growing family of physicians.

Congratulations to you and best wishes in all of your professional endeavors.

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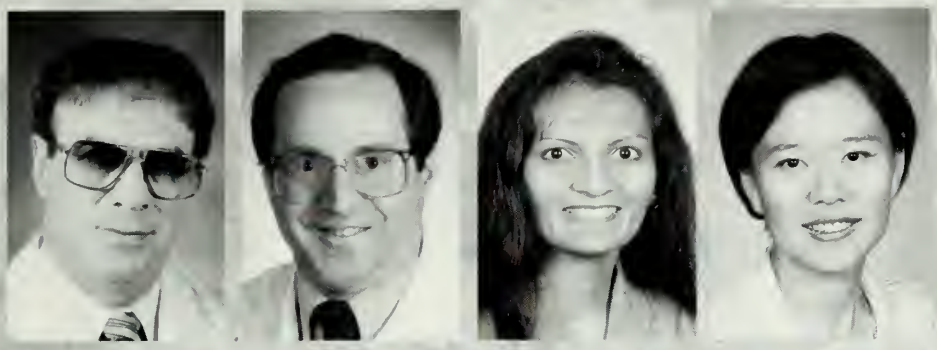

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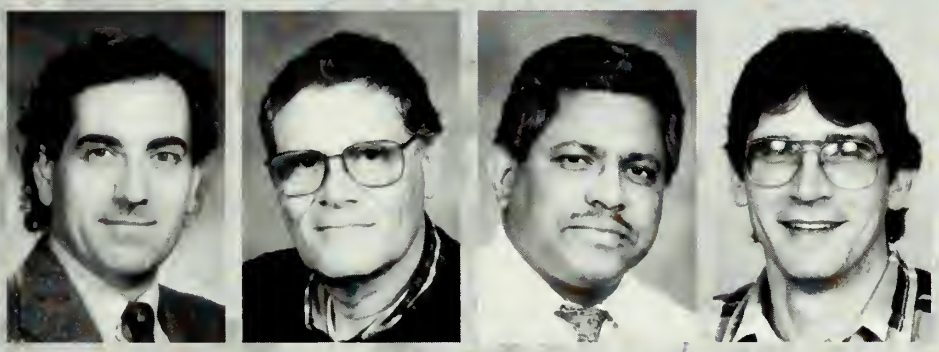

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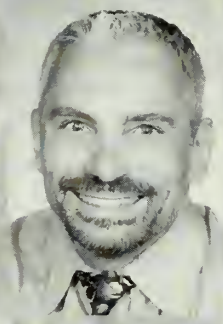

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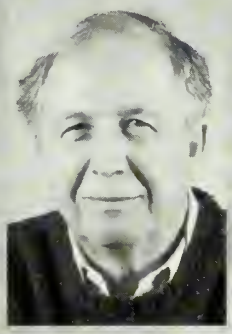

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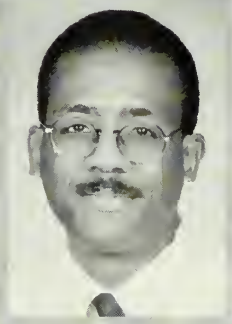

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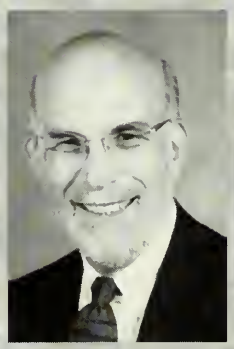

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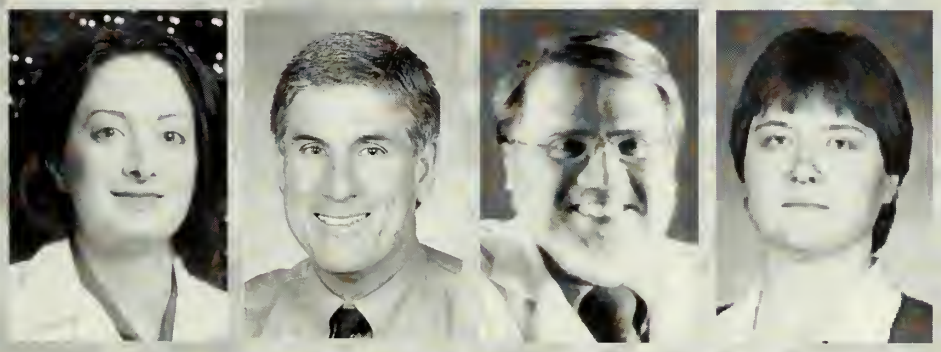

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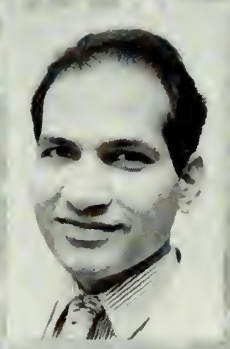

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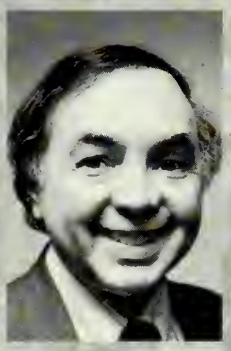

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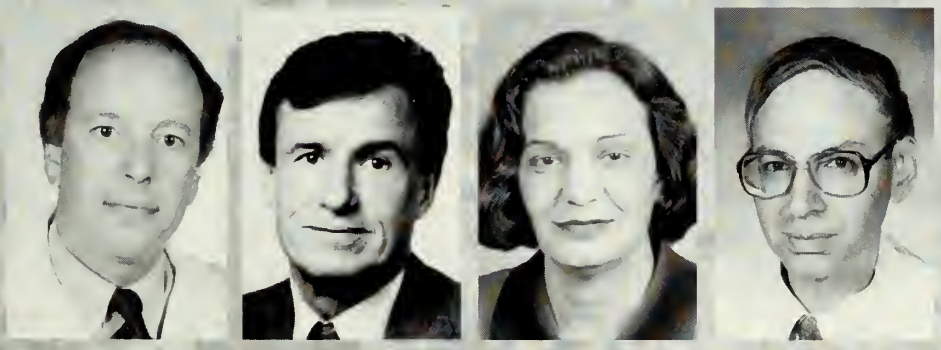

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Voices from the

"You look confused. Let's move on."
– Dr. Muller-Weeks (Microbio)

"What else do you want to know about the patient?"
"Is he tall?"
"Uh – what are you thinking?"
"I'm thinking he is."
– Dr. Mason (OMM) & Chris Lawler on reviewing an H&P

"DON'T GET YOUR BOWELS IN AN UPROAR!!"
– Recurrent Dr. Chiesa quote (GI)

"Have I given this lecture to you before?"
– Dr. Masterson (OMM)

Classroom of 2004

'Just remember, the people who say you don't need to study for boards... They're in the library, studying for boards."
- Dr. Strickland (Uro)

"First of all, WHAT IS THE MATRIX?!"
– Eddie, class spokesman, in Human Development

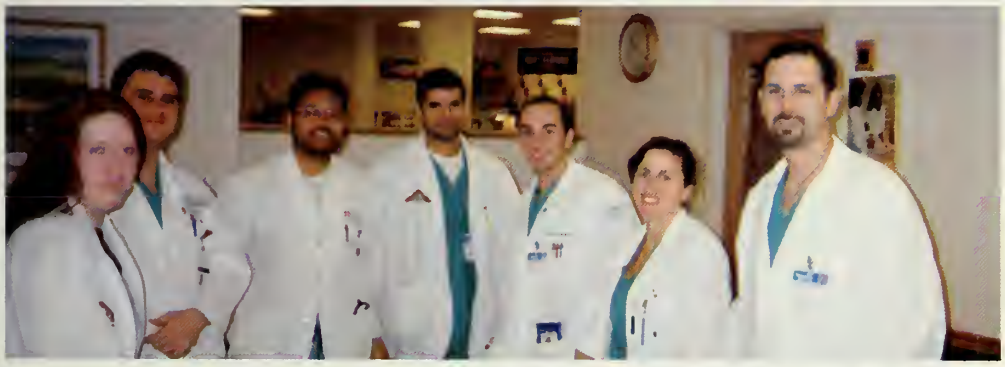
'If they made it to 80, who the hell cares about their family history??"
- Dr. Maiese (Cardio)

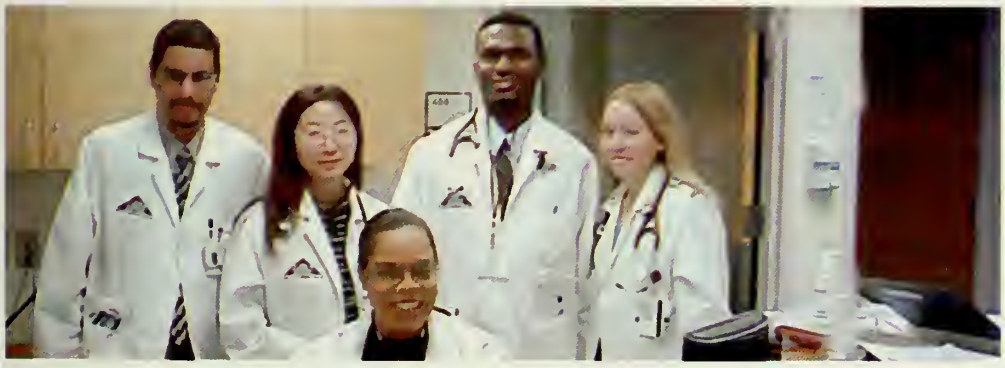
"He knows a lot about little stuff, you know? He could be a lifeline."
– Dr. Lambert of Jon Markley

'Does this guy sell used cars?"
– Dr. Blackstone on Anthony

"I was in the psych ward the other day – not personally, but –"
- Oliver

Taking Care of Business . . .





Lookin' Good in "White"...

EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT

RECESS!!!

Class of 2004 Babies - Guess Who?

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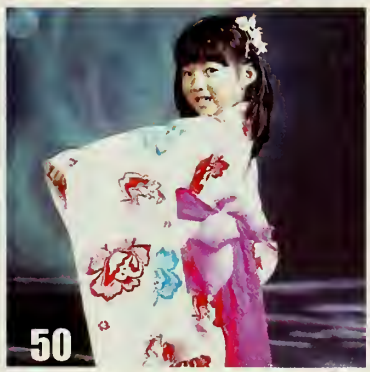
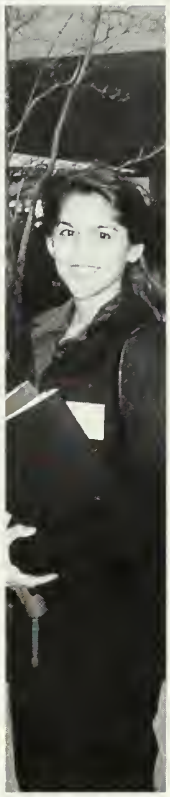


EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES . . .

AUSTRALIAN FOR BEER

Ready for the Red Carpet . . .

A Well-Deserved Break . . .



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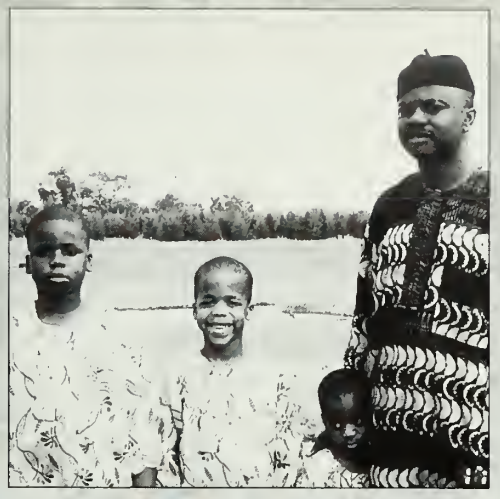
To my family:
You have supported me through my entire academic career, from my first day of kindergarten to my last day of medical school. You are my strength. Thank you for all your love and encouragement. Mom and dad, you're the greatest!

To Gary:
There were places in my heart I'd never been before, moments in the day I'd never appreciated before, a happiness in my life I'd never felt before. Until now. Until you. You have given me a joy beyond words and a love that everyone hopes to find. I will forever be grateful.

To my friends and classmates:
Thanks for all the laughs and the memories. These were difficult years, but I never had to struggle alone. Katherine, yes we're friends! Ajanta, hey roomie!



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First I must give glory to God for making this dream a reality. My success would not have been possible without the inmense and unalloyed support of my family, whom I had put through tremendous difficulties during the past four years.

To my "most Beloved, Beautiful and Cheerful wife"- Angela - I thank you most sincerely from the bottom of my heart. I know it had not been easy taking care of our four young children while maintaining a full-time job. It only takes a "great lioness" like you. My pledge is to continue to love and cherish you all the days of my life.

To my wonderful children- Chidinma, Chidera, Nnana and Uche- I thank you All for being very understanding and supportive.

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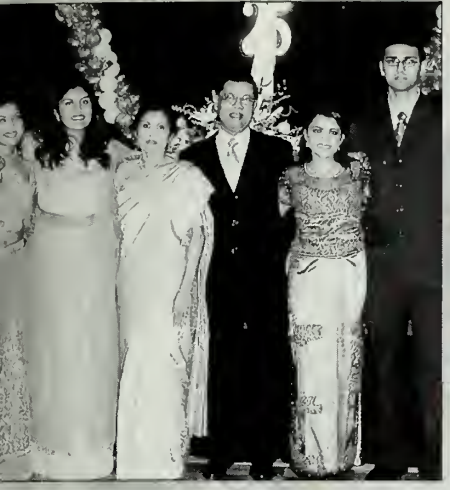
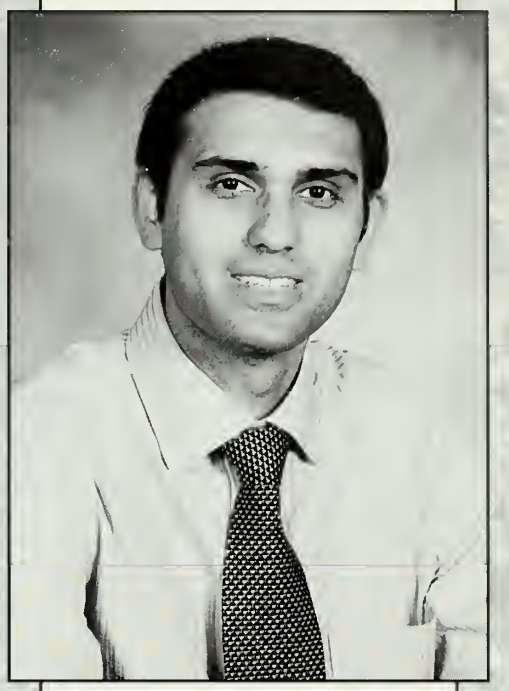
Mom and Dad,
Thanks. I appreciate everything you have done for me.

Diane,
Can you believe it has been four years? From the first day of school to the last, thanks for being there.

Rolande,
My extra-curricular buddy, It's been fun. Yes we really are friends.





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To my parents, words cannot describe the gratitude that I have for you. Dad, I know you are looking down over me. Thank you for teaching me never to give up on my dreams. Mom, thank you for all your love and support. Without it, medical school have been much more difficult.

Avani: Thank you for being there every step of the way. Life has been amazing since the day I met you. I love you not only for who you are but who I am with you. Thank you for the endless love and support. I could not have done it without you.

To my brother: Thank you for all the sacrifice. I would not be in this position if it wasn't for you. Thank you for everything.

"The desire to take medicine is perhaps the greatest feature which distinguishes man from animals." One of the first duties of the physician is to educate the masses not to take medicine."

--Sir William Osler

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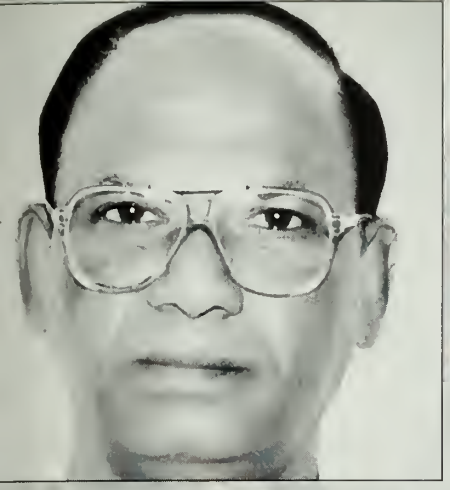
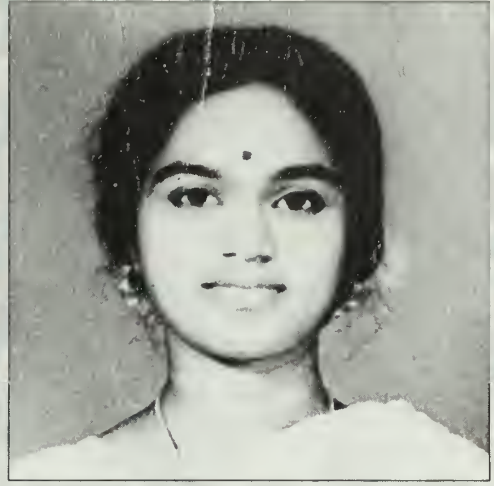
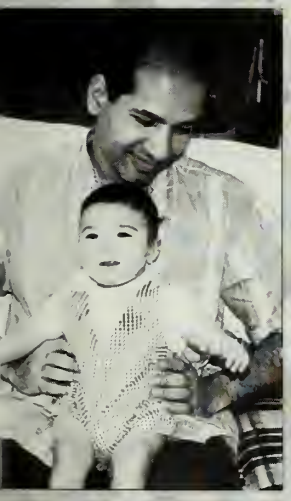
"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."
-Eleanor Roosevelt

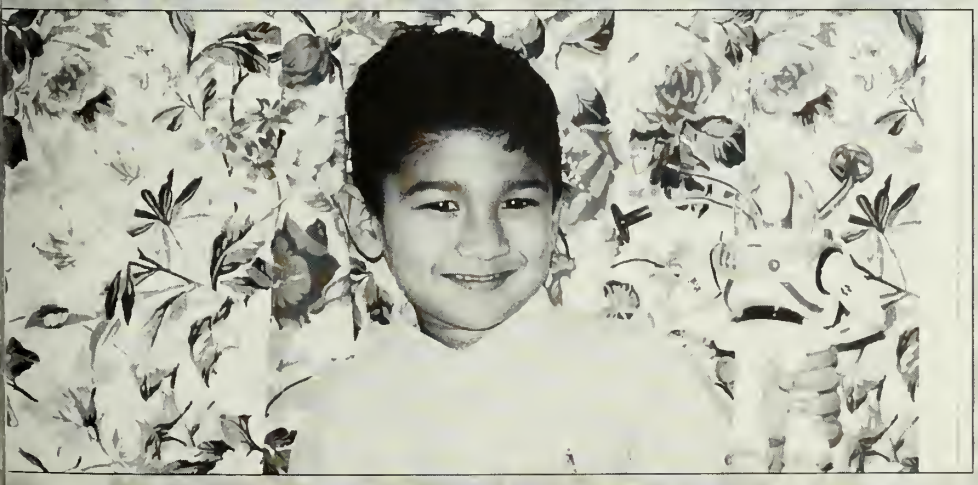
Thank you to all whom allowed me to dream. Mom, Dad, Jeff, and Grandmom: Thank you for all the constant support and love. Everything good in me is a direct reflection of you. Chrissy: Thanks for putting up with all my craziness throughout the years and always being there for me. Marguerite and Danalisa: No amount of distance can damper our friendship. I am so glad that we always have each other to lean on. Maria and Chris: Who knew that medical school could be so much fun? Now, if only we spent half as much time studying as we did playing (no, mommy, no)! he he. Eric: I want you to know how much your love and support means to me. Every day you remind me of all the great things in life and how I am so lucky to be sharing them with you. Thank you.

I love you. Dana









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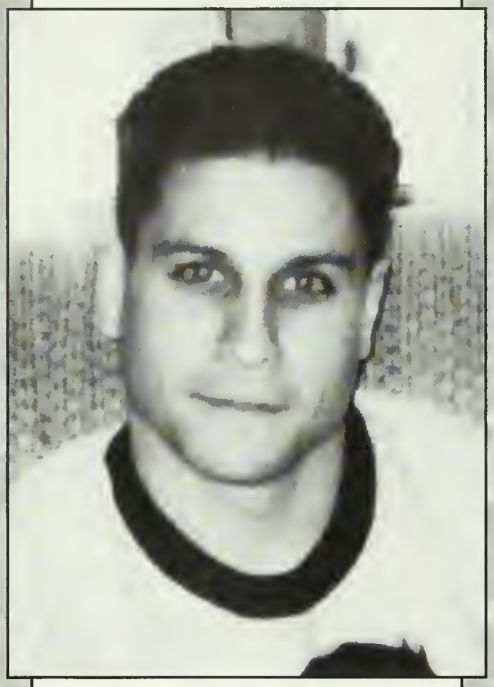
I can't thank my Dad enough for all that he did for me. First of all for being both a father and mother since my mother's demise years ago, for being a constant source of inspiration and for his unwavering support in my pursuit of medical education. **I dedicate my D.O. degree to my Dad who is no longer in this world to rejoice my accomplishment for which he was looking forward to.**

I quote a Sanskrit saying from the great epic 'Gita" in which my Dad ardently believed. "Karmany ev_ dhikar_sthu te m_ phaleshu kad_cana m_ karma phala hetur bh_r m_ te sangostv akarmani." It translates as: "Seek to perform your duty; but lay not claim to its fruits. Be you not the producer of the fruits of karma, neither shall you lean towards inaction."

I thank my husband, Narsimha, for his unconditional encouragement and advice.



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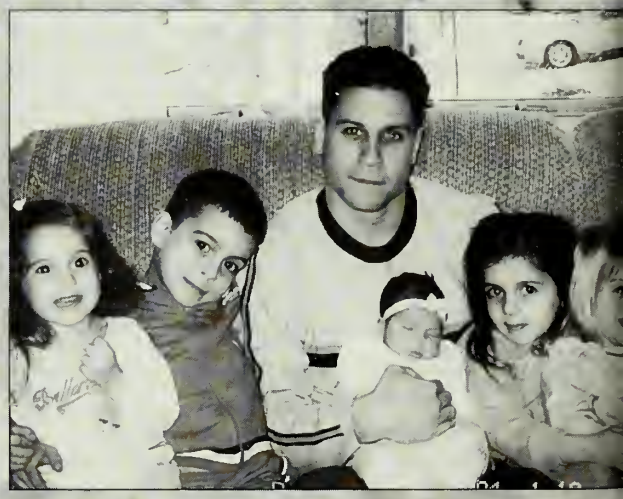

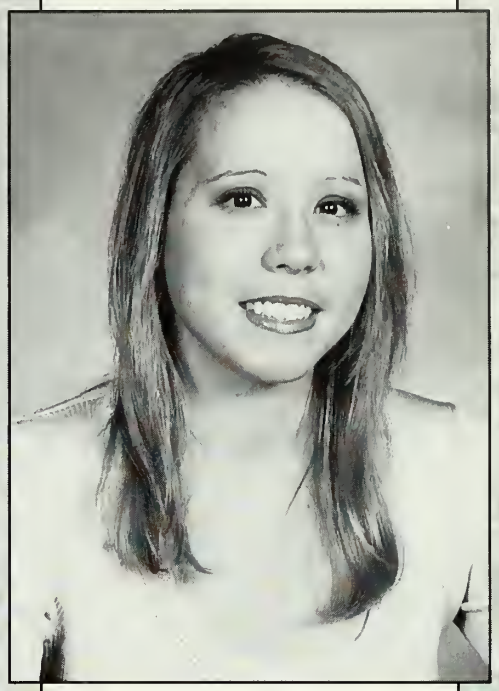

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My love, thanks, and admiration to my family and friends who have shared every laugh and tear with me over the past four years.

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To my grandmother, Frances Cianci – thank you for your listening ear and your loving heart.
I love you dearly.

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To Lord Jesus Christ: Thank you for giving me the strength and courage to persevere through these tough times. Without your Divine Influence, I am nothing. Please bless my family and loved ones, now and forever. Amen.

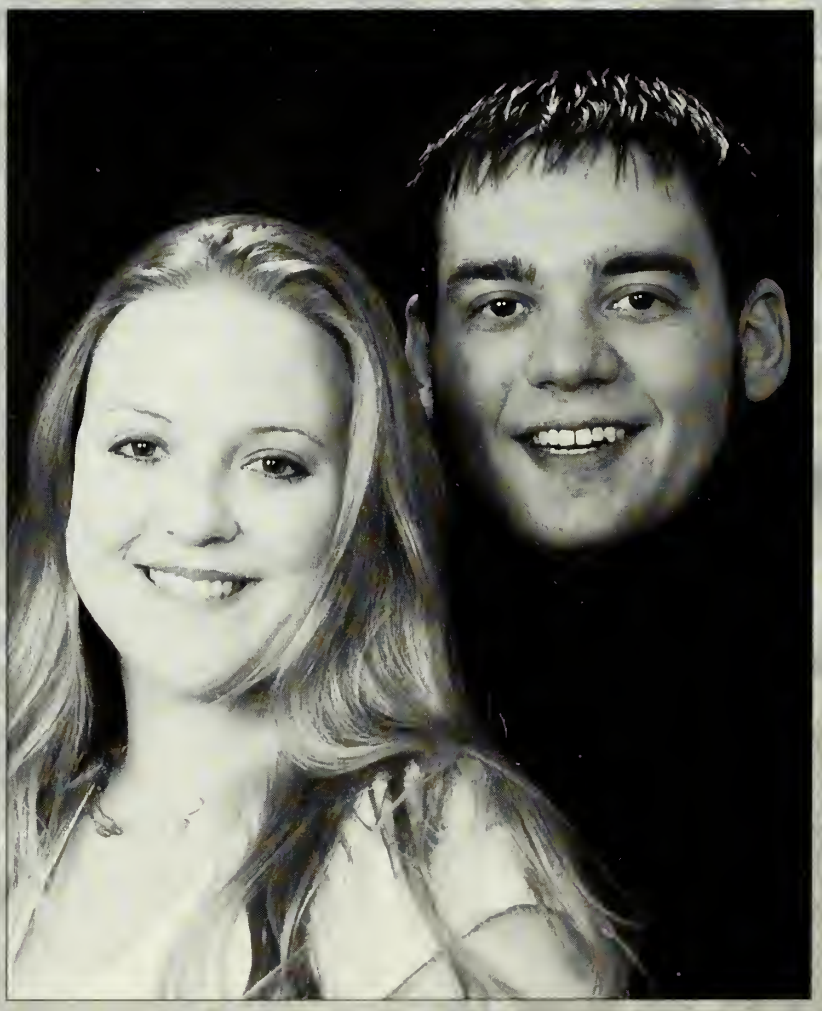
To My Mom and Dad: Thank you for everything. We have been through a lot over the years – without your help and support, I would have never made it. I promise to be there for you guys, always. I love you both very much!!

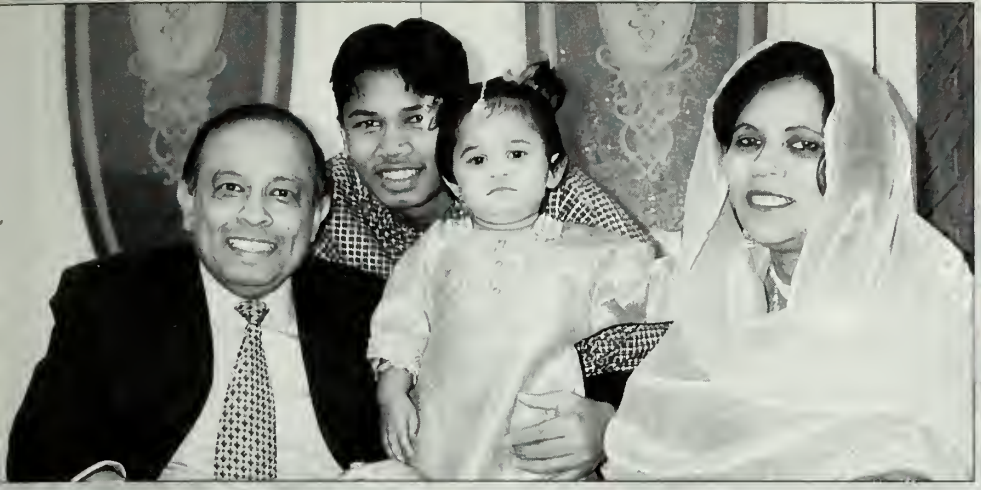
To My Soulmate, Bernadette: Thank you for making this last year the best one of my life. I love you with all my heart!! I'm so glad that God allowed us to find each other. I can't wait to begin our life together as one.

To the Class of 2004: We did it!! Let's show this world what we got!

Love Always, Oliver

"Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die today." – James Dean





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"Wealth does not arise from an abundance of goods, but from a contended heart."
- Muhammad ibn Abdallah (peace and blessings be upon him)

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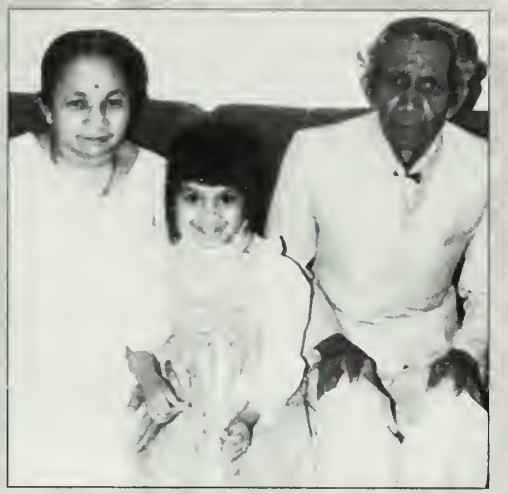
I thank God for blessing me with the health and strength required to achieve my lifelong dream of becoming a physician.

To my Mother and Father:
Thank you for your unconditional love and support throughout the years. Thank you for always believing in me and for encouraging me to strive for my dreams.

To Marco, my husband:
Thank you for your love and support. Thank you for always being there for me even when I am stressed out and not the nicest person to be around.

To my siblings – Charmaine, Jonelle, and George:
Thanks for being understanding throughout all my years in school.

To my niece and nephew:
Remember, always strive for your dreams and never let anyone tell you that cannot achieve your goals.



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Thank you to all of my family and friends without whom I would not have been able to accomplish any of the goals that I set for myself. Thank you to my parents who have dedicated their life to me. Thank you to my sisters, my best friends, who have given me guidance and support. Thank you to my grandmother who taught me to be a kind, dedicated, and generous person. Thank you to my old and new friends who have shaped the person that I am today. Thank you to the professors and physicians who taught me the science and art of medicine. I wish my classmates success in their professional and personal lives. Look forward to the future and always remember who you wanted to be.

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Your work is to discover your world and then with all your heart give yourself to it. - The Buddha

Mom, my best friend. You are my strength and source of light. No one understands me better. Thank you for making me fearless, resilient, and confident. You are my pillar.

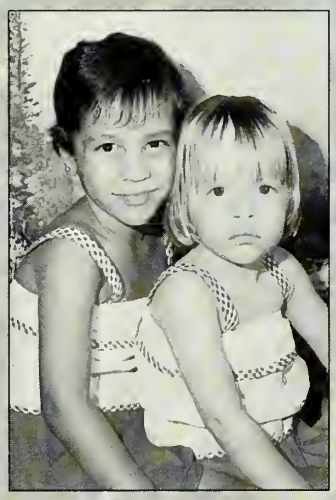
Dad: I love you. Thank you for your support.

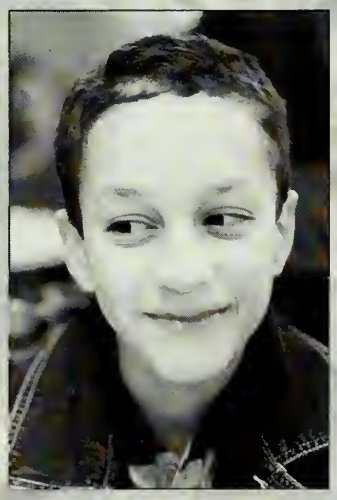
Grandma: Thank you for your blessings and words full of love and wisdom during difficult times.

Winnie: Sis, thanks for standing through the years by my side. For the comfort you brought to my life and for listening and easing me through. I love you.

Justin: My baby brother - you filled my life with so much joy the day you were born.

Christiaan: My angel, you will always hold a very special place in my heart.





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"Sometimes you just have to give up your teeth"
- Sabrina

"I've just got to be me"
- Me

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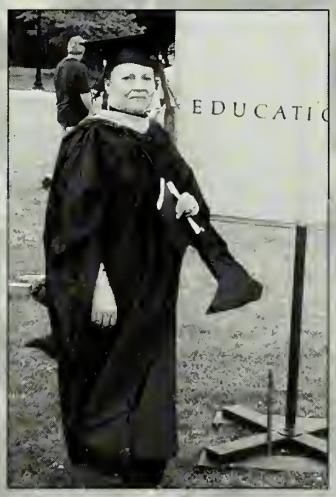
"Verily, We it is Who give life and cause death; and to Us is the final return."
Al Quran El-Kareem (El-Qaf:43)

Aisha (RAA) said:
When any person among us fell ill, Allah's Messenger (Peace be upon him) used to touch him with his right hand and then say. "Take away the harm, O Lord of the people, heal them for You are the Great Healer. There is no healer able to heal without Your healing Power."



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"Mind what you have learned. Save you it can."
--Yoda

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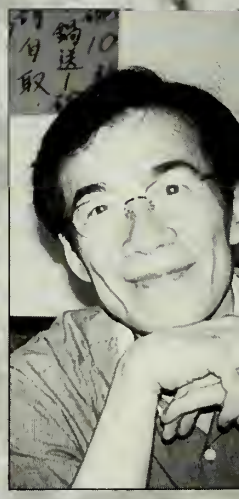
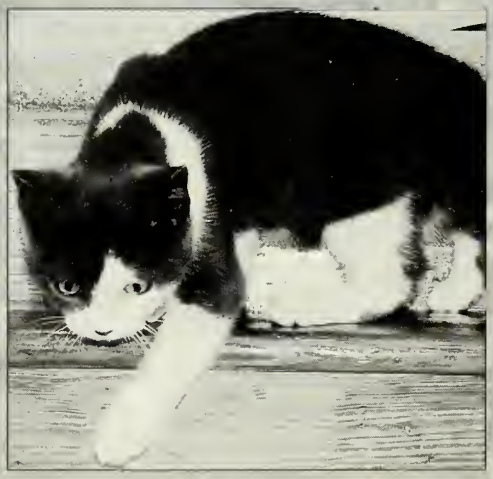
"Knowing others is intelligence;
Knowing yourself is true wisdom.
Mastering others is strength;
Mastering yourself is true power."
(Tao Te Ching)





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Words cannot begin to describe the experiences of these past four years. I have learned so much about myself as well as others.

Thank you God for blessing me with a beautiful family and now, an honorable profession. Thank you mom and dad for being such good teachers. Everything I am is because of you. You have given me faith in my values and the self-confidence needed to respect them. I wish everyone had such loving and giving parents. To Sadaf, Ali and Faisal, you are my life long partners…I love you.

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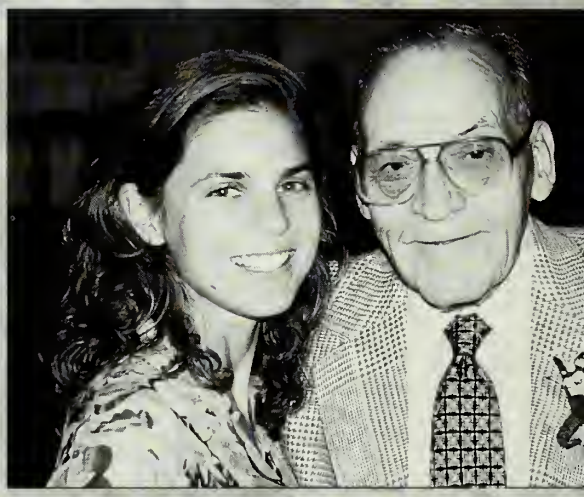

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I would like to thank my Mother and Father, Charles, Grandmom, family and friends for all the love and support they gave to me unconditionally. You all have contributed in your own way to my success and I am so happy you can share this milestone with me. I love you! Monique

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I would like to thank my parents for their unconditional support both financially and emotionally, without it I would not be where I am today. Tanya, Tim and Rudy you are the three people in my life that ground me and help me to remember that it is not all about school but about living your life too! Jody, Sue, and Janice, you girls are like chicken noodle soup for the soul. Thanks for always being their when I needed a pick me up. And lastly David, my sweetheart, I could not have done it without your constant nudging and support. You were the one who always pushed me a little bit further when I thought that I had no more. I love you all.

"Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could; some blunders and absurdities have crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; you shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

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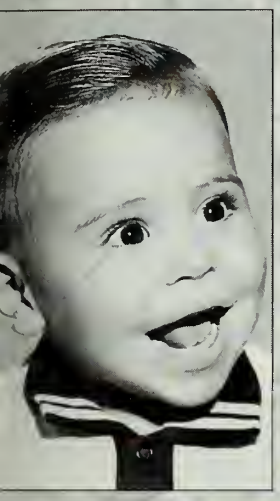
First, thank you to my family who Without the support of my family and friends I would have been lost these past four years. Thank you mom and dad for always being there to listen to me and guide me in the right direction. To my brothers and family, thank you for dealing with my occasional attitudes and always having your doors open to me. To Joe, through it all you have been there for me, for that and so many other reasons thank you and I love you. To my oldest and dearest friends, whom we have shared so many memories, you will always be in my life and I look forward to being a "grown up" like all of you. And to the newest addition to my friends, my med school buddies, I will never forget you. To all of my loved ones, you are all dear to me and I will always hold you close to my heart.

To my fellow classmates I wish you all the best of luck for successful careers and fulfilling lives. God Bless.

"We can do no great things – only small things with great love."
Mother Teresa



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I would like to thank my parents for all their support through the years. I would also like to thank my wife Tracey for being by my side from the very beginning. My gratitude also goes out to my Uncle Bob who's confidence in me has been invaluable. Without Tracey and my family these four years would have been impossible. I decided four years ago to be a doctor, I made it half because I was willing to do whatever it took along the way, and half because there were many people who cared enough to help me. To all my classmates, I wish you the best of luck in all your endeavors.

What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us.
- Oliver Wendell Holmes

A man is a success if he gets up in the morning and goes to bed at night, and in between he does what he wants to do.
- Bob Dylan

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I would like to thank my dear parents Tatyana and Vladislav Guchinskiy as well as my grandmother Klavdiya Roytburd. They always stood by my side through all the difficult times and supported all my dreams and aspirations. It is because of them that I excelled in this world and became a well-rounded, well-educated individual. Everything I am today I owe to them. Mom, dad, grandma, I love you. Thank you for always being there for me.

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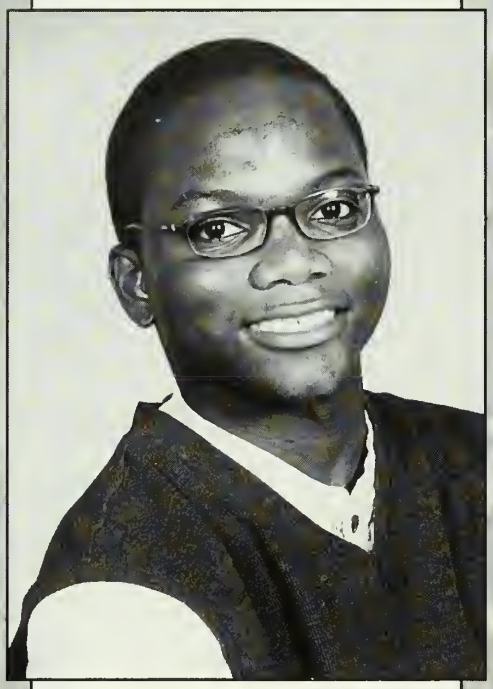
To Mom and Dad: Thank you so much for your endless love and support. You guys instilled in me strong family values, a goal oriented attitude, and above all the patience to be kind. I love you!

To Janet and Kent: The best siblings that a middle child could ask for. You guys are the best. Let's stick together and we'll always have fun.

To Winston: My little puppy. You bring a smile to me face and brighten my day.

To my classmates: We've done it! The hard work has finally paid off. The best of luck in all your future endeavors. Have fun, laugh every day, and thank god that we have the opportunity to save lives. See ya when I see ya.

To my wife, Janice: You are the love of my life. Thank you for being with me through the good and the bad.



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I would like to thank God, my mom, and so many other wonderful people that have provided me much assistance. I hope my work as a physician complements (for how dare can I surpass) all of the efforts you have invested in me.

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There are always two choices, two paths to take. One is easy. And its only reward is that it's easy. -Anon.

Much love to my family and friends. Whether I would be here without you is irrelevent. Without you, I wouldn't be me.

This is for my mother, always.

Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That's why we call it the present.

Millions long for immortality who do not know what to do with themselves on a rainy Sunday afternoon.

- Susan Ertz

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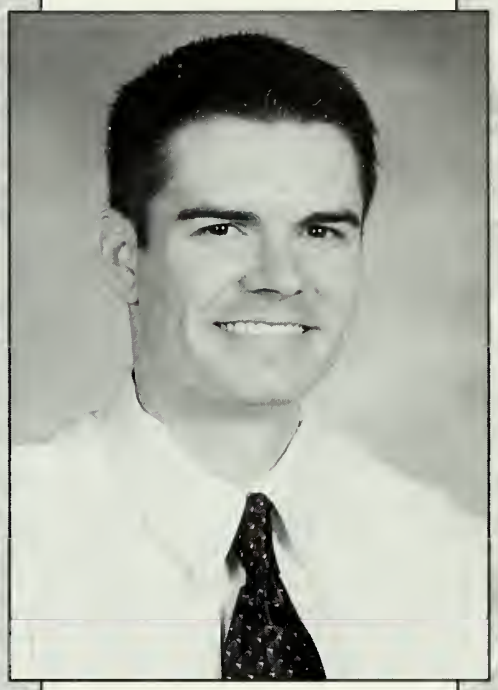

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I would like to thank my family for their tremendous support over the last 30 years and in particular the last four. To my wife, Vicky, whose love and support allowed me to complete this journey with my sanity intact. Our wonderful life together is just beginning. I love you with all my heart. To my grandparents, Pop and Grandma, whose unconditional love, compassion and generosity will forever shape me and inspire me to do my very best. Without you I would be nowhere. And to my sister, Coleen, who has always been there for me. I wish the very best for you, Dave and Little Dave. And to all of my lifelong friends, may we continue to share good times together.

"You catch for flies with honey than you do with vinegar"
—Kathleen R. Latour

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"Long ago, it must be – I have a photograph... Preserve your memories, they're all that's left here..." --Simon & Garfunkel

Mom & Dad – You stood by me always and kept faith that I'd find my way... A simple thanks doesn't do justice for all you've done for me. I love you. Jennifer and the rest of my wonderful family – thank you so for your unfaltering love & support.

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My SOM classmates – We're almost done here and I'll carry so many fond memories – thank you all for making this experience bearable and enjoyable! For those closest to my heart – you know who you are – a million thankyous for being such dear friends and an incredible support system here I could not have survived without...

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"The purpose of human life is to serve, show compassion, and to have the will to help others." – Albert Schweitzer, MD

I would like to thank Nancy, Mom, Dad, Mor-mor, Bob Christine, Grandma, and Grandpa for the unending love and support they have shown me through the years.

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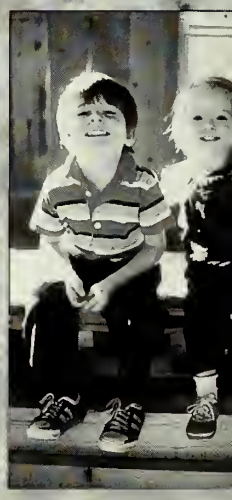
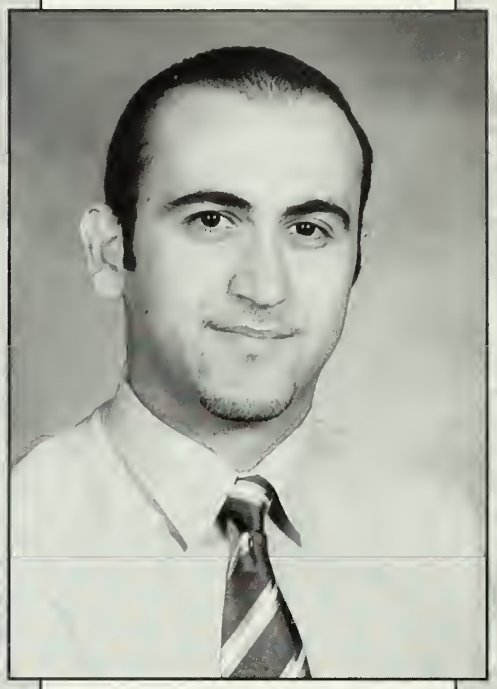
I would like to thank my parents for all of their love and support; my brother, Josh, and sister-in-law, Courtney, for their encouragement. Liz, Amy and Sue for listening to me and helping me through these tough years. Diane, Kristy, Sabrina, Sue and Heidi, I am so glad I had the opportunity to share this wonderful experience with you guys. Medical school would not have been the same without you. Allan and Katie, thank you for keeping me sailing. What a wonderful way to make the stresses disappear. Thank you, all of my friends and family. Becoming a physician is my greatest accomplishment and I couldn't have done it without each and everyone of you.





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Kirstin- Thank you for being my wife and best friend. I could not have made it your love, support, laughter, and an occasional push to my posterior quadrant.

Madelaine- When you are old enough to read this, thank you for the smiles that fill my heart with joy and giving new meaning to my life.

To all my classmates- Good luck in your future endeavors and remember what the great Latin scholar Anonymous once said "Common sense is like water, we should all drink more."

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My journey to medical school only took me 100 miles from home, yet in a way I have come further than I would have traveling thousands of miles. Thanks to everyone – all the amazing physicians, instructors and classmates – who has helped me grow along the way. To my most loving parents who were always there and supported me completely in all I aspired to achieve. To David, the person who understands me best, who embraces my independence and curiosity. To all of my wonderful friends at SOM – with a special thanks to Sabrina for all the great laughter (the best medicine); to Paige for your amazing listening abilities; to Kristen for those 3AM phone cram sessions and talks; to Robert for the NYC rides. To Luiza and Henning, for your nurturing nature and late night laughs. To Carolyn and Dionicia, for creating a sane refuge outside of medicine.

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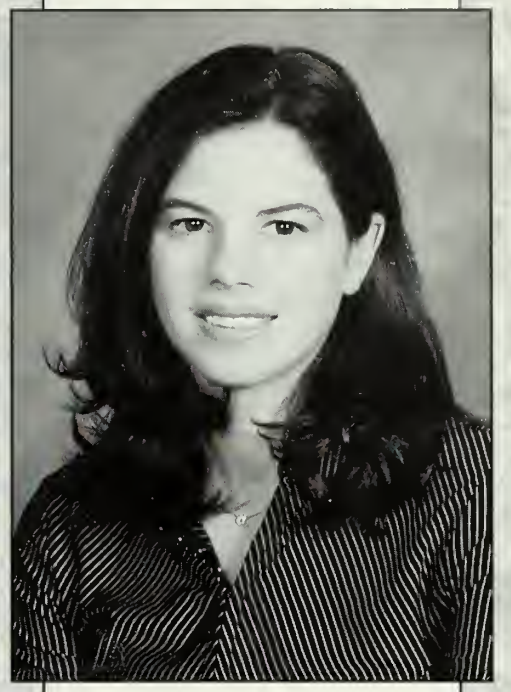

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"Computers in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tons." (Popular Mechanics, forecasting the relentless march of science, 1949) Can you imagine fitting that into our white coat pockets? Thank God for the palm pilot. Imagine what the next 50 years has in store. I hope we are all a part of it. I want to thank everyone who helped make the past four years worth remembering.

Good Luck and "GO DUKE".

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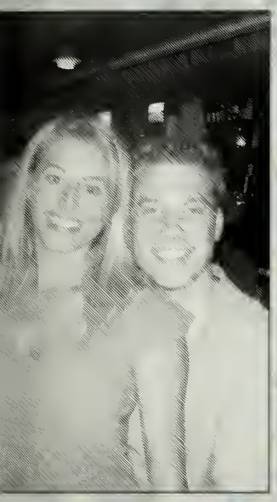
"Life can only be understood backwards."--Kierkegaard

Thank you and I love you Mom, Dad, and Joe. A very special thank you to
Kristy Ziontz and Sabrina Tempesta--Are we still on for Pharm day on Thursday?
You both know I couldn't have done this without you. I hope the laughter continues forever.



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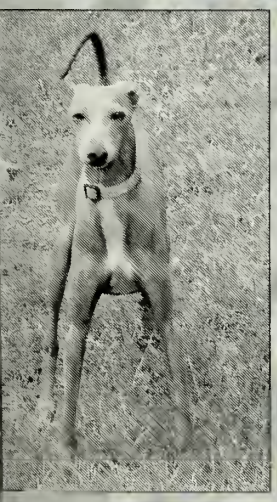
What an amazing four years. Rebecca, you are my best friend and the light of my life. Every day is better than the last and I look forward to a lifetime of memories. Mom and dad, thank you for the love and support through out my life. You have taught me the most important lesson of all, to put God first all else will fall into place.



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"Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam et Sancta Maria, Mater Dei." With deep appreciation and love to: My mother and late father for instilling a foundation of love. To my brother for the same. To my beloved wife for encouragement and love through thick and thin. To my dearest children for their inspiration and delight. To my mother, father and sisters-in-law for their prayers and belief in me. To cousin Josephine for holding the fort. To my staff. To Tony, who having swam the English Channel knew how to keep me afloat. To Bobby for getting me everywhere. To the Sisters of Charity for teaching me the theological virtues. To the Jesuit Fathers who continued my refinement with love and at times a needed heavy hand. To Blessed Teresa of Calcutta and the dear Missionaries of Charity by virtue of which my cup truly runneth over. To Dr. Steve. To my deans, professors, classmates and others, (you know who you are) and whom I cannot mention being limited to about 175 words here.

God Bless you all!

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All praises to God for all the blessings and success, I've experienced in my 25 years. I'd like to thank my family for their love and unconditional support. To Shawn, the love of my life, I am fortunate to have someone like you in my life. To the new friends I've made at SOM (u know who you are), you have touched my life in a special way. I can not forget the administrative staff at SOM, thank you for the opportunity to make my dream become realty. Lastly, to the class of 2004, I wish you the best and all the success in your future endeavors!

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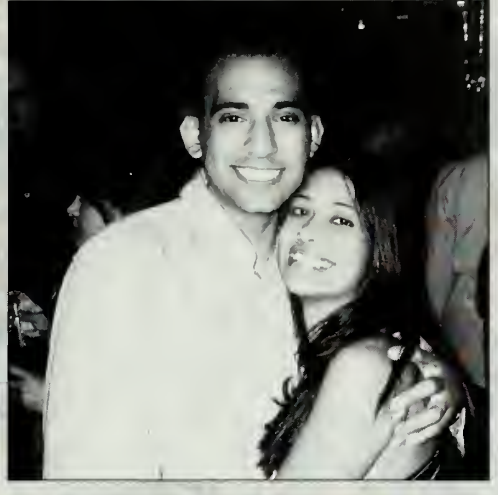
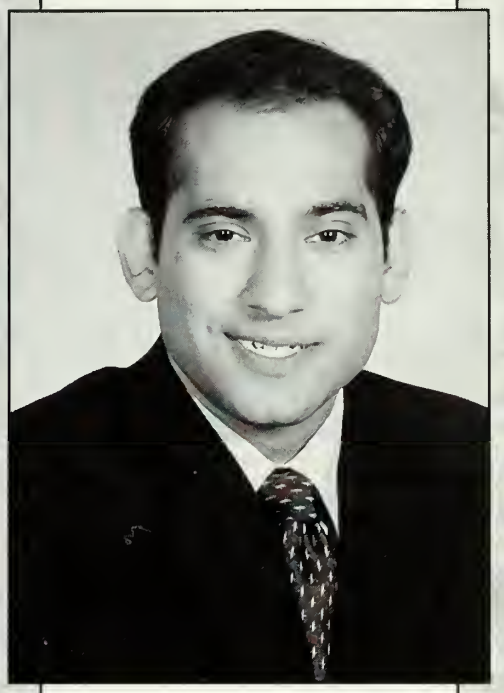
Thank you to everyone who believed in me, supported me, encouraged me and put up with me through the years. Through Him, all things are possible.





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Words to Live By:

"Be the change you wish to see in the world"
-Mahatma Gandhi

Thank you to my parents for providing me with all of the love and support a son could ever ask for. Thank you to my brother who has been my guiding light
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I hope success and happiness greets us all in our medical endeavors and beyond.

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Medical school has been the greatest challenge of my life to this point. Here we pushed ourselves to the limit, learning more than we ever thought possible. I would not have been able to endure the workload and stress without the support of family and friends. For this I offer my gratitude. Mom and Dad, thank you for all your loving care and support. You have raised me to be self reliant yet trustful of others. I thank all my brothers and sisters, Redsie, Sue, John, Earl, Theresa, Pat, Rose, Jim, Holly, Joan, and Joe. My big brothers and sisters have taught me to be tough and have always offered good advice. Lastly, I would like to thank my best friend and love of my life, Catalina. You have been there for me through all the ups and downs of medical school. It has been a big sacrifice for you also and I will never forget. Congratulations UMDNJ-SOM class 2004! EM/IM here I come!

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Mommy and Daddy: You are my backbone and my spirit. No words can adequately express what your unconditional love, support and prayers have meant to me. I love you so much!

Lore: I hope that we are forever as close as we are now. Hey, who else could I admit to that I don't know who's running for president? And that legal advise might come in handy too! I love you.

Hal: Dokdare loos...it has been, and will always be...understood! No tooroffs here!

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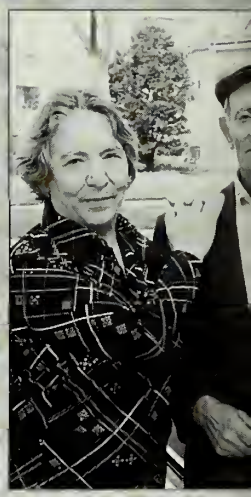

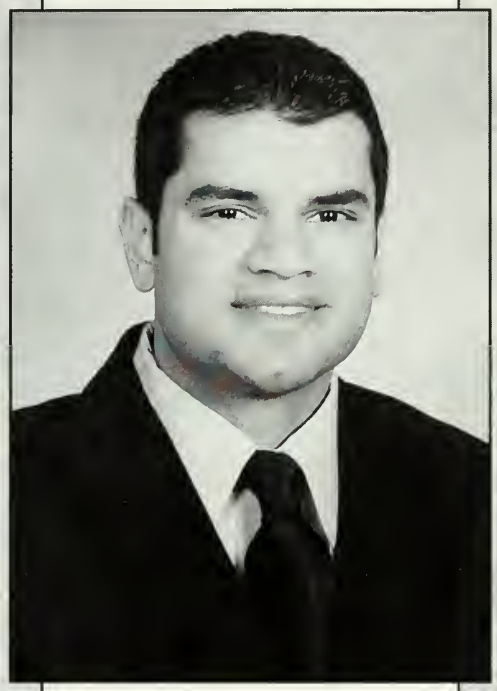

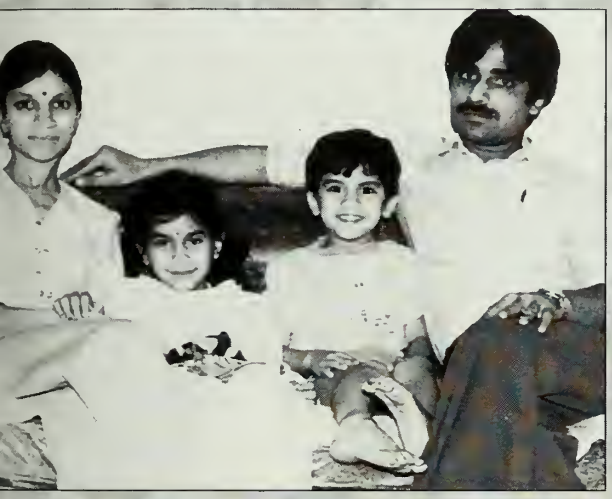

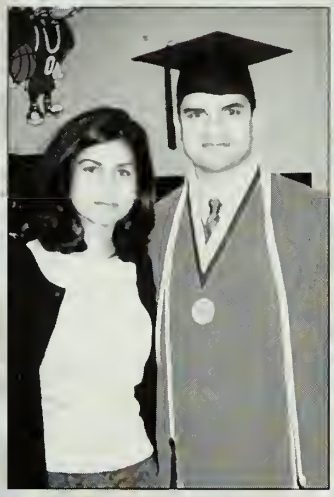

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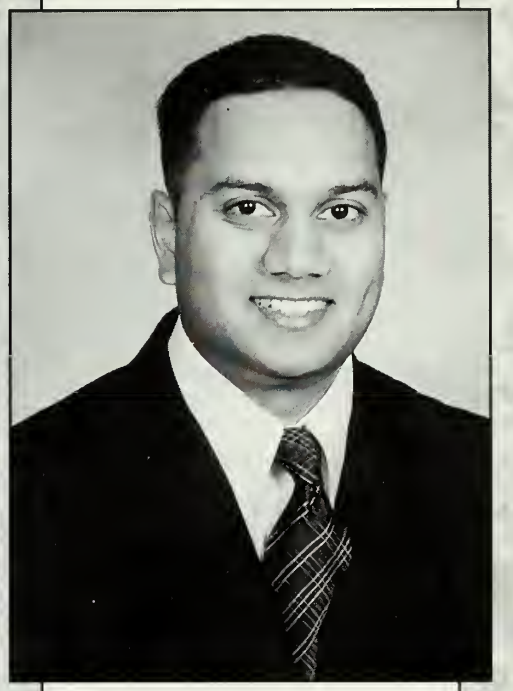

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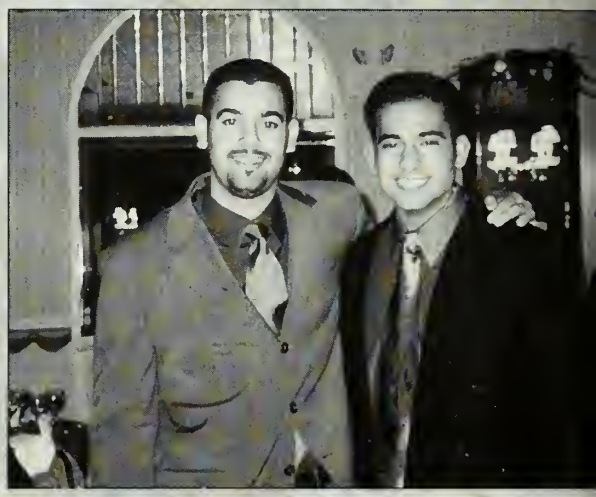

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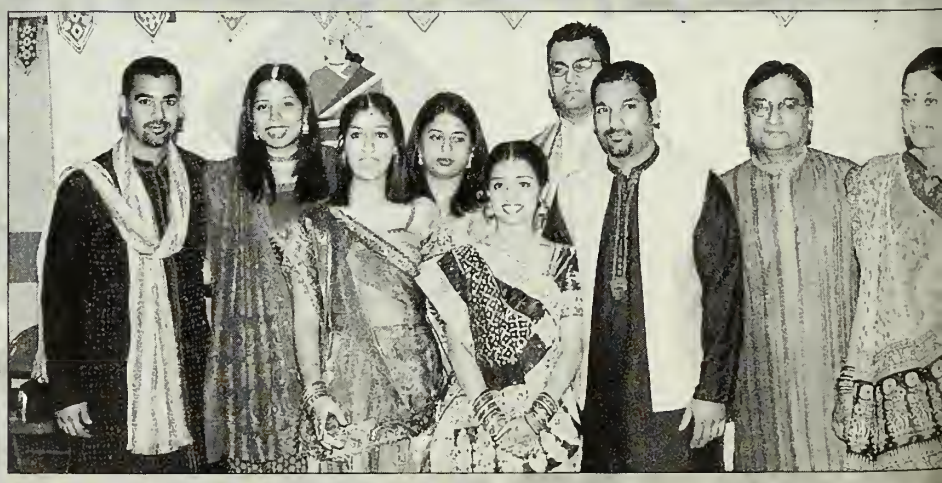
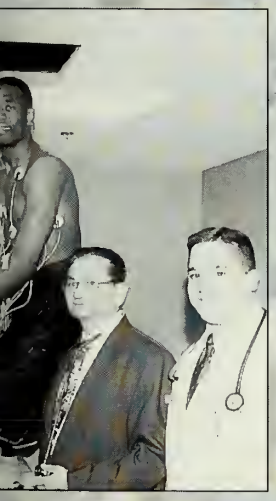
Thanks to my family and friends. I couldn't have made it through these last four years without your support. Congratulations to the Class of 2004! Wherever our paths ultimately lead us, we will always be linked as classmates and colleagues.





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It's been a great four years. There are many moments and memories that I have shared with friends (you know who you are) that I will cherish forever. We have grown together and been through the good times and bad times with each other. This is just the beginning of many more memories to come as we embark upon our professional lives together. Good luck to everyone, and don't forget to send me a consult.

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"This has been a life long pursuit and journey, and now I am almost at the end of the road. Mom and Dad, thank you for the sacrifices you made to give your children a better future; it has not gone unrecognized. Owano, you have followed me to unfamiliar territories unselfishly and lovingly. I want you to know that I will follow you to the ends of the earth. I love you and I love our life together. Lord you have brought me far, and to many high places. You continue to love me despite my shortcomings and my failures. You gave Your life to save me and so I give my life to serve you. Thank you for allowing me to do it through medicine."

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Life is short,
Art is long,
Experience difficult.
(The Aesculapian Wand)

Over long distances I have traveled, sacrifices I have made, to better the lives of many.

I couldn't have done this without all of your support.
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Let us not forget, those who are only briefly in our life, but will be forever in our heart, and never forgotten.

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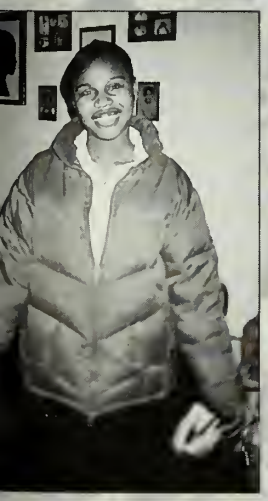
Internal Medicine

I, like many of you, cannot believe that this part of our lives is quickly coming to a close. Also, like many of you, I will sorely miss the lack of responsibility we had as students. These six years for me, with the exception of the first two, have been incredibly rewarding. I came in as a twenty-three year old fresh out of college, and I am leaving as atwenty-nine year old that might be developing arthritis.

Looking on the bright side, prior to graduating, I would tell people that I was unemployed, broke, and that I had a six figure debt. Now I can proudly
state that I am a doctor, a lawyer, I make about ten dollars an hour, and my debt has increased due to compound interest.

Thank you to my family, friends, and Maria for all of your support.



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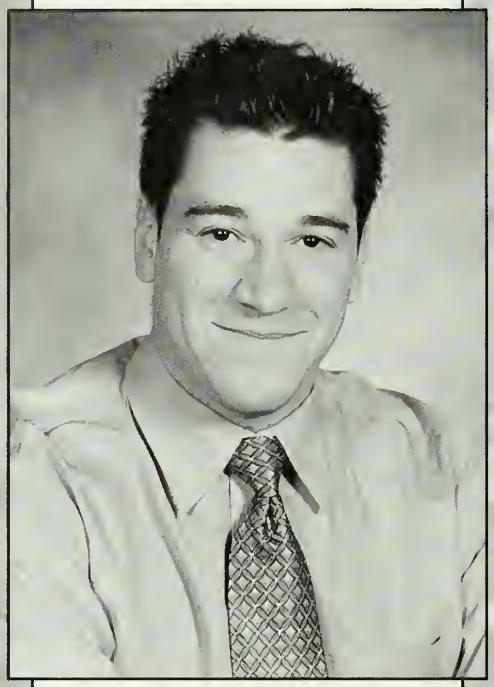
Columbus, GA
Family Medicine

"I am a firm believer that hard work, determination and obtaining a good education help build character and lead to success."

To my three children Rhojonda, Cynesha and John, Jr.:

Throughout this long, tough ordeal you all have been my greatest motivation and inspiration. I love you. Stay sweet and continue to do great things.

HUGS and KISSES
MOM



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Thanks to Mom and Dad for support that has transcended anything I ever could ask; without you none of my achievements would have been possible.

Thanks to the rest of my family and friends for being there during the times that seemed so insurmountable.

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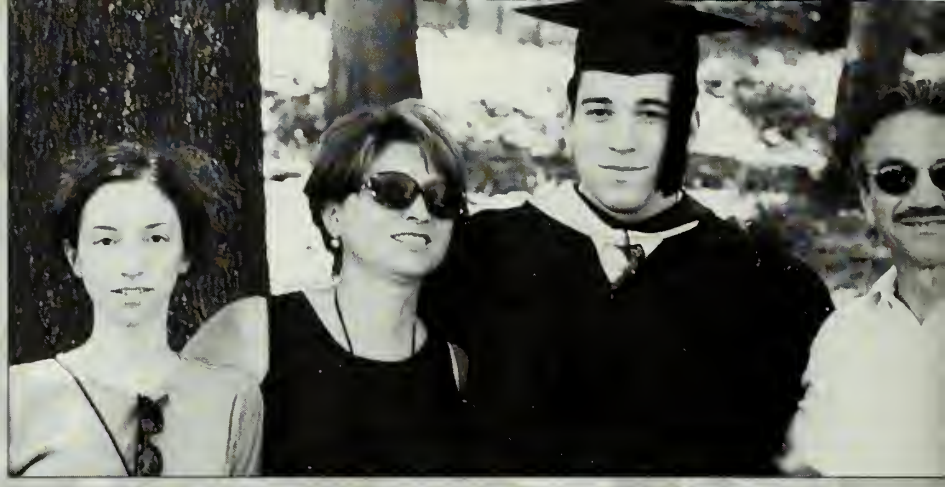
Most of all, thanks to God for overseeing the health and well being of my family and I.

Best of luck to all of you in your careers, we all have been and will continue to be successful.



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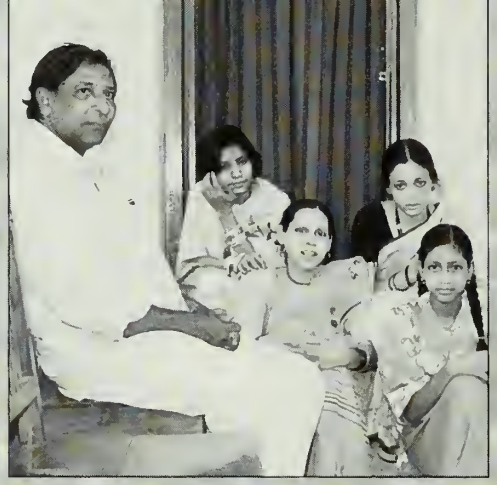
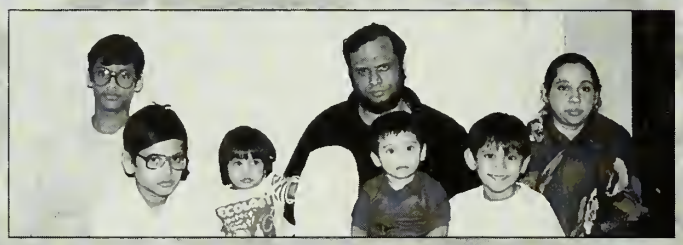
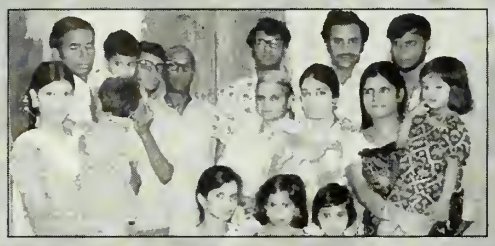
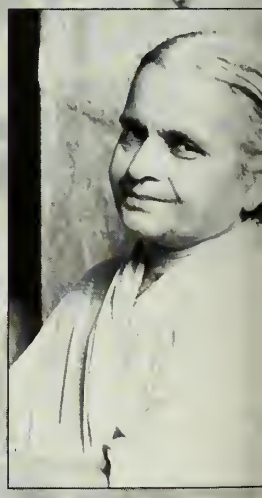
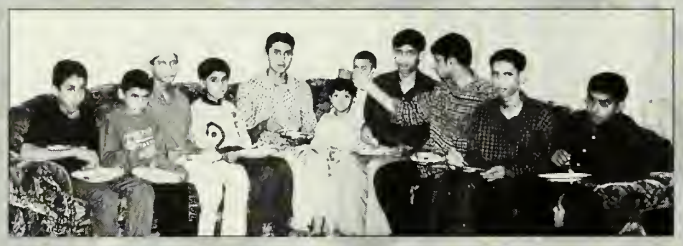
'Whatsoever is on it (the earth) will perish.
And the Face of your Lord full of Majesty and Honour will abide forever.
Then which of the Blessings of your Lord will you both (jinns and men) deny?'

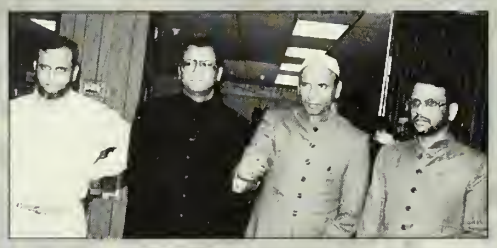


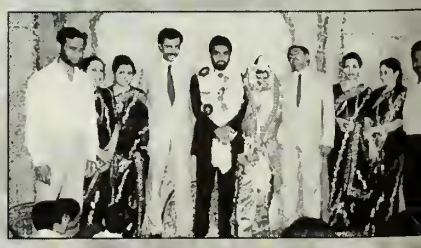












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It's hard to believe it has been 4 years and now it's finally over, for now. I'm sure I'll find something else occupy my time soon. It went quick and hopefully internship and residency will go just as quickly... I'd like to get my band on a regular schedule. Well I guess this is the part where I say thanks to the people who made this possible and say good luck to my classmates. So thanks to my family and friends who've been with me since the start, especially Dad, Victor and Kevin. I also want to wish my classmates the best of luck in the future and hope you succeed in everything you do. I'd also like to make a promise that when I'm selected as AOA president my year will be "The Year of the Rockstar!"

ROCKSTAR

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A Abu le dedico mi carrera.

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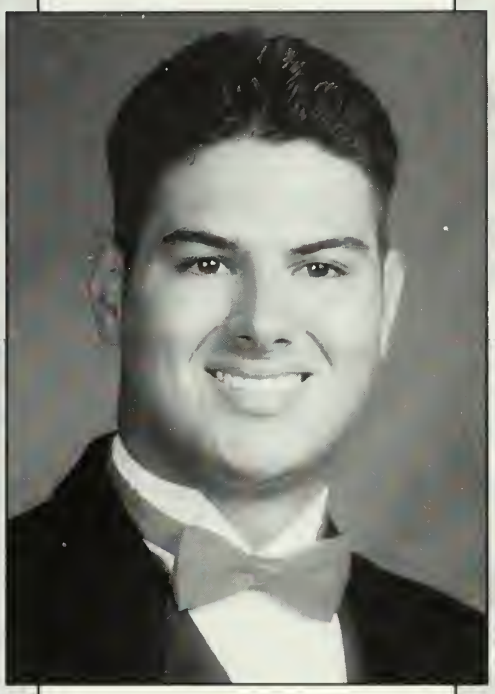
As I am looking at the page of a new chapter, I am very much excited of the prospects that hints on that page. But before the page turn, I like to remember the not so simple script that brought me here. I remember the joys and challenges that were shared especially with my other half—Gregory Dietrich who was incredibly patient and supportive. I remember my family who too were very supportive throughout the saga. And I remember my friends who made the journey with me forever memorable. Thank you all for being there throughout this journey.



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"First I would like to thank my Mom and Dad for loving and supporting me in everything I do, without you two nothing would have been possible. To Mary and Gianna: thank for your love and generosity. You make everyday in my life special. I love you. I thank my brothers George and Frank for their guidance and inspiration. I thank my grandmother, Harmony, for her unconditional love. The Duczkowski's: thank you for your kindness and welcoming me into your family. My classmates, you made Medical school fun and exciting. I look forward to working with all of you again as colleagues."

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I thank my husband, Jason, for his love, support and most importantly his humor over the past 4 years. It was on a rare occasion that I ever felt the stress of medical school; your friendship and love have allowed me to realize that medicine is just a part of my life, and that you and our family are my life. I also thank my parents, my sisters, Teresa and Monica, and my brothers, Mike, Matt, and Timmy for their continued support and love. The fact that your lives always seemed more hectic and crazier than mine, made med school feel like a piece of cake! I thank all my friends for always wanting to eat, drink, and socialize! But most importantly, the single greatest moment I have to look back on these past 4 years, has been the birth of my amazing son, Jason Jr. I love you more than I thought I could ever love anything. I have no words to express the impact you have had on my life.

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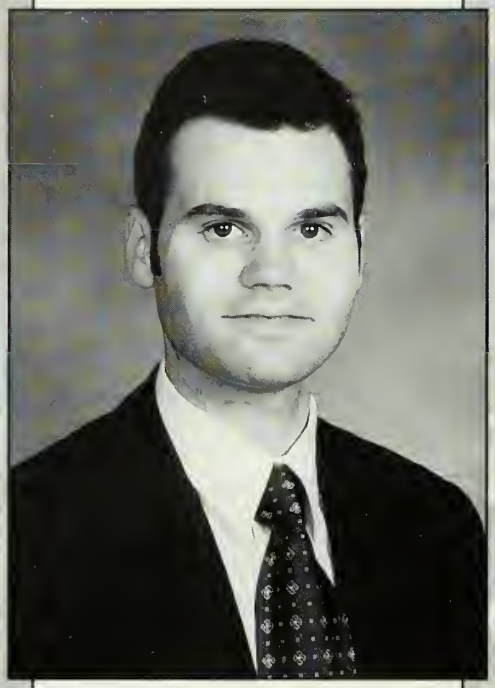
Time never ceases to amaze me. Looking back on four years of both hard work and great fun, four years replete with feelings of triumph, disappointment, anxiety, exhaustion, self-reward and excitement – I can only say that it has all happened in one profound blink of my eyes.

Thank you to all the special people who have come into and out of my life. Thank you to my close friends who have been there through the good times and the bad. You have all changed me in so many ways, all the while embracing and believing in the real me.

And to my family, the true constant force in my life: words cannot express my gratitude. Only you know that no matter how much I grow, how different I become, I am still the same "Mistu". I will continue to strive for what is good and true as you have always done, and I hope to be there for you as you have always been there for me.



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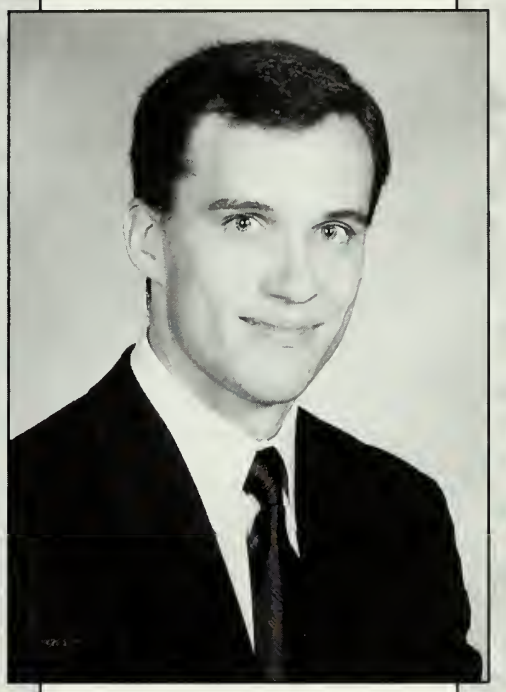
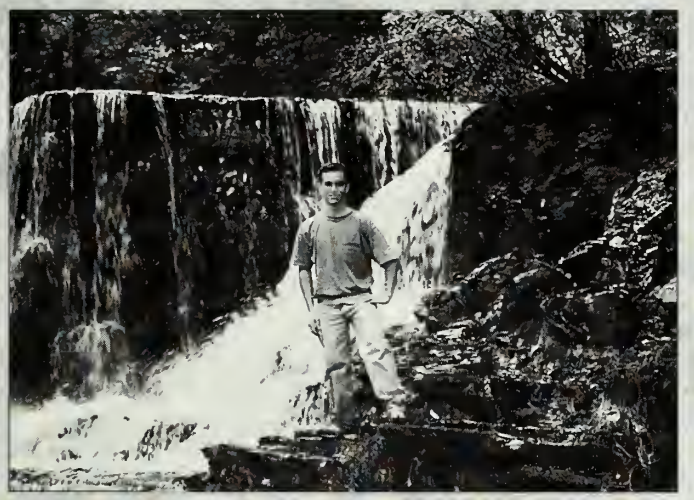
Thank you Mom, Dad, Heather and my friends at SOM. I could not have made it this far without your support.

Best of luck to all of my classmates!





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Try not to become a man of success but rather to become a man of value.
- Albert Einstein

I know that I would not be the same person I am today, if not for the people who have supported me throughout my life. And for this I thank my family… Mom, I am proud of the values you taught me and the love that you gave me. Grandpa, thank you for inspiring me and pushing me this far. Jim, Sue, Mike, Paul, and Kathy, how could anyone ask for better siblings? Dad and Grandma, you'll never be forgotten and always loved. My girlfriend, Katie, for her sweet smile and her love, thanks sweetheart. All of my friends at UMDNJ-SOM, thanks, getting through medical school would have been impossible without all the support, knowledge, and friendship we shared. Always be proud, Never be satisfied. Best wishes to all…

And we all shine on, like the moon, the stars and the sun.
- John Lennon

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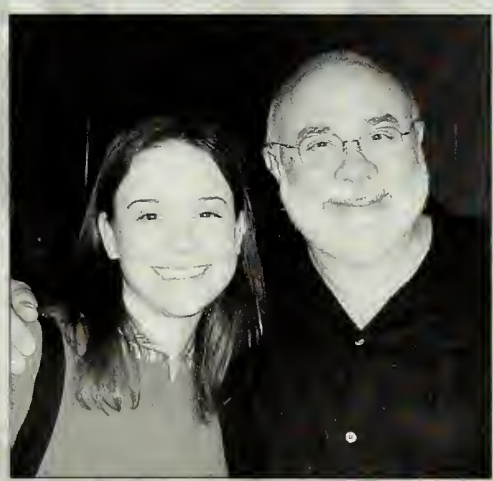

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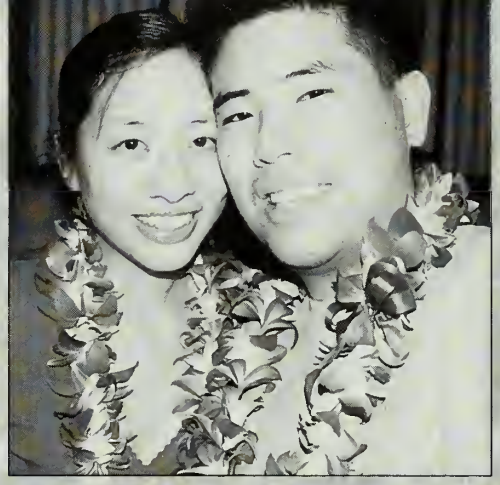
"Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning, great is your faithfulness."

--Lamentations 3.23

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

--Proverbs 3:5-6



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I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the people who have inspired me and supported me throughout medical school. First, I want to thank my fiancé, Lori, who has always been there for me, no matter how much of my time was taken up by studying. I love you. Thanks next to my parents, who even visited the anatomy lab to see my cadaver, and to my brother Andrew, who became my practice patient for OMT. Thank you to my dog, Duke, who always cheers me up. Next, I would also like to thank all of the physicians who have been my teachers and role models, especially, Dr. Hamaty, Dr. Giudice, Dr. Schuitema, Dr. Scali, Dr. Brown, Dr. Mason, and Dr. Lightfoot. Finally, to all of my friends and classmates, particularly, my anatomy lab group, with whom I shared the good and bad times, thank you for everything, becoming a physician is not a goal we could have achieved alone, but when we all worked together, we all realized our dream

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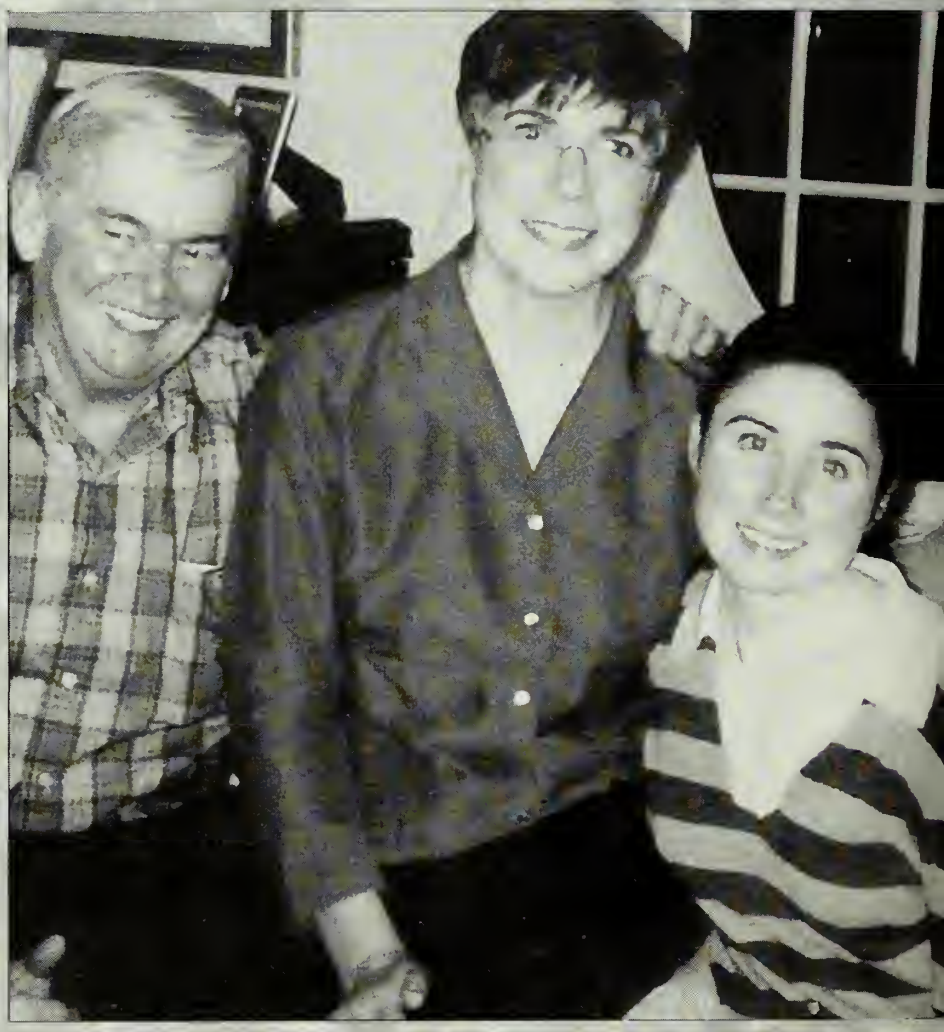

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Gracias a mis padres y a mi hermano por vuestra ayuda durante estos anos y siempre. Nunca habria logrado llegar a donde estoy sin vuestro apollo.

Con mucho amor,
Nieves

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As my medical school years come to a close and my career as a physician begins, I cannot help to reflect upon the individuals that have had an impact on my life throughout this time. Mom and Dad, you have always been there for me as long as I can remember and I consider myself truly blessed for the gifts of love, generosity, and guidance you have provided me with throughout my whole life. You have instilled in me the values needed to not only become a compassionate physician but a noble individual as well. I could not imagine making it this far without you and I can only hope that I have the same impact on my children that you have had on me.

The friendships that I have made while attending medical school are powerful and dynamic. I will be forever grateful for the sacrifices you made and the encouragement I received when I needed it the most. As we grow together, know that I will always be there for you. God Bless!

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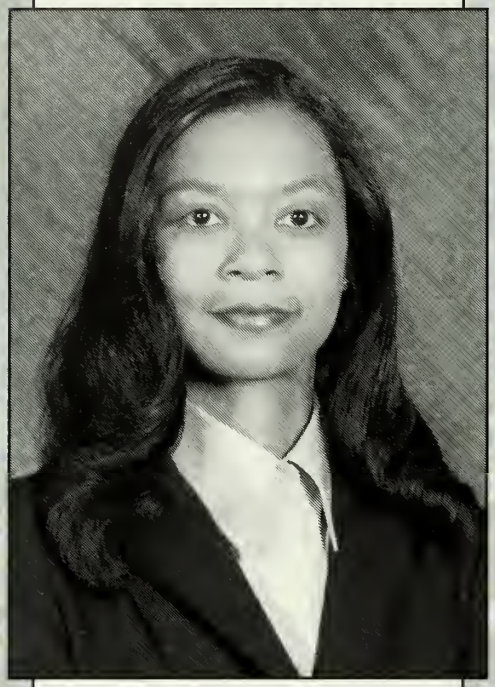
I have always held the belief that "all things are possible through Christ who strengthens me." I have also adapted a childhood quotation that has inspired me along the way. It reminds me that "the heights of great men reached sudden flight. But the while their companions slept, were toiling upward through the night."



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--Martin Luther King, Jr.

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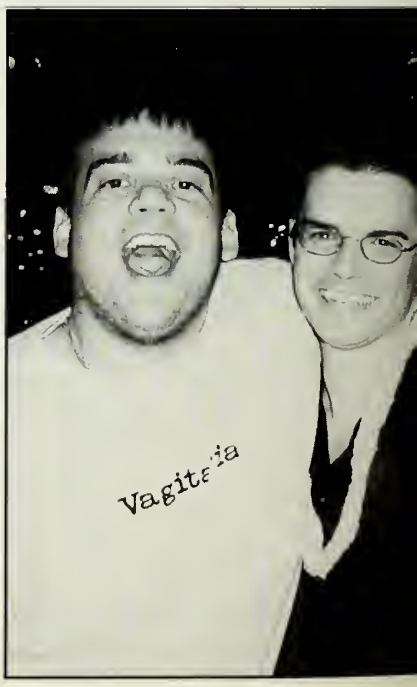
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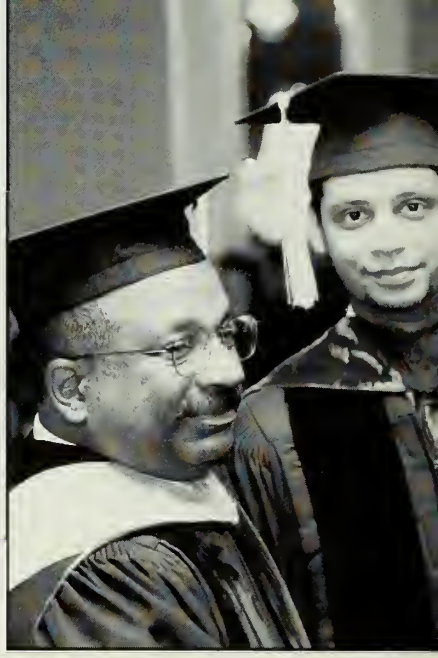

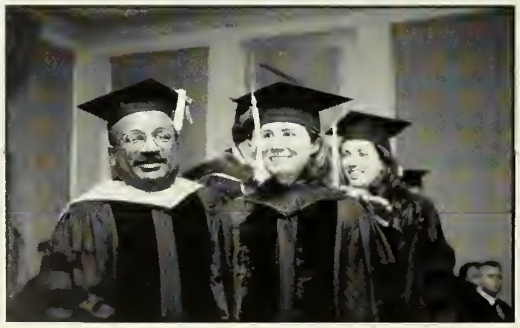

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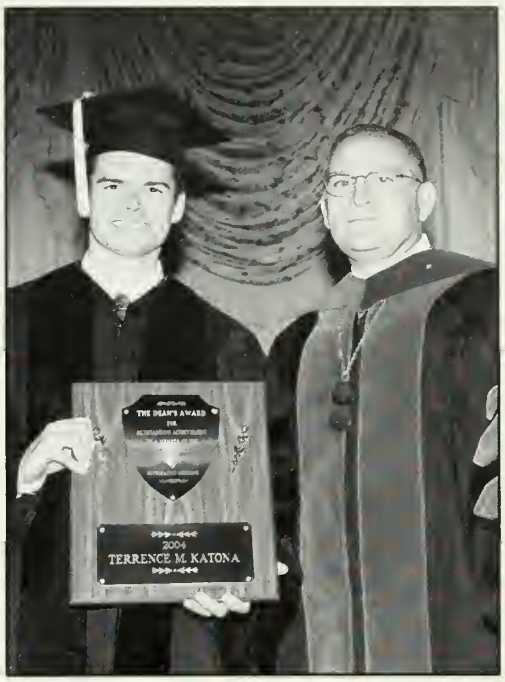
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